

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A transaction card system comprising:

a foldable transaction card having a folded state and an unfolded state and further having the dimensions of a standard transaction card when in the unfolded state wherein said foldable transaction card comprises a first section and a second section wherein a hinge is disposed between the first and second sections; and

a housing for completely surrounding the transaction card when the transaction card is in ~~the~~ folded state wherein the housing comprises a hinge for folding and closing said housing and further wherein the housing has ~~[[at least one]]~~ a width dimension smaller than a width dimension of a standard transaction card when the housing is in the folded and closed state,

wherein the second section of the foldable transaction card unfolds outside the housing when the housing is opened.

Claim 2 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the transaction card is removably disposed within the housing.

Claim 3 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein at least the first section of the transaction card is attached to the housing.

Claim 4 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a first section and a second section wherein the hinge is disposed between the first and second sections.

Claim 5 (original): The transaction card system of claim 4 wherein the first section of the transaction card is attached to the first section of the housing.

Claim 6 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises an attaching means and the transaction card is attached to the housing via the attaching means.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The transaction card system of claim 6 wherein the attaching means comprises a track, wherein the transaction card is disposed within the track.

Claim 8 (original): The transaction card system of claim 7 wherein the first section of the transaction card is removably disposed within the track.

Claim 9 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises an opening means for opening the housing to access the transaction card disposed therein.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The transaction card system of claim 9 wherein the opening means comprises an actuator whereby actuating the actuator allows the housing to open.

Claim 11 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the hinge of the housing is spring-loaded.

Claim 12 (original): The transaction card system of claim 11 wherein the spring-loaded hinge of the housing allows the housing to spring open when opened.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the first section of the transaction card is attached to the housing.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the second section comprises a storage means for storing information on the transaction card that is readable with a storage means reader.

Claim 15 (original): The transaction card system of claim 14 wherein the storage means is a magnetic stripe.

Claim 16 (original): The transaction card system of claim 15 wherein the magnetic stripe is readable by a magnetic stripe without removing the transaction card from the housing.

Claim 17 (original): The transaction card system of claim 15 wherein the magnetic stripe is readable by a magnetic stripe reader after the transaction card is removed from the housing.

Claim 18 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the hinge between the first and second sections of the transaction card comprises a fold line in said transaction card.

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Claim 19 (previously presented): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the transaction card hinge comprises a strip interconnected to both the first and second sections.

Claim 20 (cancelled).